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Title: SEPARATED TARGETED ELASTIC
ZONE FOR IMPROVED PROCESS
AND PRODUCT FUNCTION

Customer No.: 35844

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING
OF RESPONSE UNDER RULE 1.136(a)**

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Dear Sir:

This Petition is filed with the Request for Continued Examination in response to the Advisory Action mailed 28 July 2004. The time period for submission of this Request for Continued Examination was set to expire 28 July 2004.

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for an extension of time of one (1) month for filing the Request for Continued Examination in the above-identified patent application, such extension to expire 28 August 2004, which time is within the statutory period.

The Fee set in Rule 1.17 for the above-period is enclosed. If there is any deficiency or overage in the Fee required for the above-requested extension, please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 19-3550. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret M. Crosby".

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